

Leadership for Africa • DAAD

Overview

Objective

Leadership for Africa offers scholarships for studies in Germany to qualified applicants in all fields of study **with the exception of medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry, law, the arts and architecture**. Public health is open for application in the field of medical studies.

Who can apply?

1) Highly qualified refugees who hold refugee status¹ and fulfil the necessary qualifications for Master's studies in Germany.

Applicants must fulfil the following conditions:

- Holding refugee status in their host countries
- Country of asylum has to be either Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda or Sudan
- Completed Bachelor's degree at least at the time of arrival in Germany

2) Highly qualified academics from Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda or Sudan.

Applicants must fulfil the following conditions:

- Citizenship of Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda or Sudan
- Country of residence is Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda or Sudan at the time of application
- Completed Bachelor's degree at least at the time of arrival in Germany

What can be funded?

Scholarship to complete an M.A. or M.Sc. degree in Germany and an accompanying side study programme (mandatory) in good governance, civil society and sustainable project management. This has to be completed in addition to the regular studies.

Duration of the funding

The duration of funding is determined by the standard period of study of the chosen program. In general, Master's programs require two years of full-time study.

Value

- If necessary: Language course (2, 4 or 6 months) in Germany before the start of the study programme including the coverage of the test fees for a German language certificate. Participation in the language course is mandatory.
- Accompanying study programme
- Monthly scholarship rate payments of 861 EURO
- Adequate health, accident and private/personal liability insurance in Germany.
- Travel allowance.

- One-off study allowance.

If applicable, family allowance and monthly rent subsidy.

Selection

A pre-selection will take place based on the submitted application documents. Preselected candidate will be invited to an interview with an independent selection committee of university professors in Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda or Sudan. **Please note: Preselected candidates must present originals of all previously submitted documents at the interview.**

In addition to previous achievements in school and university, language skills and the general motivation, the main selection criterion is a convincing description of the planned studies in Germany. Equally important will be a reflected answer how the chosen academic field can contribute to the further development of the home country.

Application requirements

What requirements must be met?

- Successful completion of a Bachelor's degree or equivalent degree which qualifies to study for a master at an officially recognized university in Germany.
- Not more than 6 years should have passed since the completion of the last academic degree.
- Very good English or good German language skills
- Notification of admission from the German host university for the desired master study programme; Please note that the applicant itself is responsible for ensuring to apply for admission at the host university by the due date. If notification of admission or the application process itself is not yet available at the time of application, it must be subsequently submitted before the scholarship-supported study begins. A Scholarship Award Letter from the DAAD is only valid if you have been admitted to a master study programme at a public German Institute for Higher Education.

Language skills

The language of instruction in study programmes in Germany is usually German, or in international programmes English or German and English. To be admitted to a programme, one is therefore usually required to submit an appropriate language certificate (e.g. DSH or TestDaF if the language of instruction is German). The necessary language skills for the desired field of study have to be proven at the latest by the start of study program. Suitable proof of necessary language skills or the ability to acquire them within the language course has to be submitted with the application documents. Generally, the possession of necessary language skills will be assumed, if proof of knowledge of German level B2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages and/or English corresponding to IELTS band 6 or TOEFL (550 paper based, 213 computer based, 80 internet based) is submitted.

Application Procedure

Application documents

- 1) DAAD application form duly completed (available on the DAAD Portal)
- 2) Curriculum vitae (max. 3 pages) containing information about the applicant's academic career to date and current or previous employers. (please use the European specimen form at <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu> [<https://europa.eu/europass/eportfolio/screen/cv-editor?lang=en>])
- 3) Motivation Letter (1-3 pages) containing a precise description of the applicant's academic / professional and personal reasons for the choice of degree programme and for wishing to participate in the programme.
- 4) DAAD Form "[Information about your preferred master programmes](https://www2.daad.de/medien/deutschland/stipendien/formulare/a206_studiengangsinformation_about_the_study_programme.docx)" [https://www2.daad.de/medien/deutschland/stipendien/formulare/a206_studiengangsinformation_about_the_study_programme.docx] duly completed and proof of contact to the universities of the desired master programmes.
- 5) Proof of necessary language skills.
- 6) University degree certificate indicating final grade(s): the certificate must be subsequently submitted before the scholarship-supported study programme begins if studies have not been completed at the time of application.
- 7) All university certificates on all annual examinations with individual grade(s), incl. explanation of grading system (Transcript of Records).

8) Copy of school-leaving certificate which entitles holders to study at a university in the home country (with all individual grades)

German or English translations of documents submitted in the national language (points 6 to 8)

9) Copies of the applicant's passport and all passport pages and other documents containing information about the applicant and their current residence status. If applicable: UNHCR registration or proof of refugee status in the respective country.

10) Additional documents that might be relevant for your application (e.g. proof of internships, proof of employment).

11) If already existing a valid admission to a Master's degree programme at a German Institute of Higher Education.

Application deadline

October 16, 2020

Please note

- Your application is only valid if you submit all the required documents to the DAAD portal on time.
- For submitting references by post, the postmark date serves as proof that they have been dispatched on time.
- (If further documents are to be submitted by post, please send them as soon as possible.)
- The DAAD portal closes at 24.00 hrs. (CET or CEST) on the last application day.
- Incomplete applications cannot be considered. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their applications are complete.
- The application documents remain with the DAAD. Data relating to applicants is saved by the DAAD in accordance with the Federal Data Protection Act and with the EU Data Protection Regulation insofar as this data is needed to process the application.

Contact and Consulting

Information and advisory centres

If you have any further questions, please contact DAAD Regional Office for Africa via mail: lfa.nairobi@daad.de
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